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Red Meat Production in Pennsylvania Down 6 Percent in July

HARRISBURG, PA, Aug 29, 2011 --- Commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in **Pennsylvania** during July 2011 totaled 93.3 million pounds, down 6 percent from July 2010, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Beef production, at 86.8 million pounds live weight, was down 10 percent from July 2010. Total head slaughtered was 75,100, down 5,000 head from a year ago. Live weight averaged 1,170 pounds, 45 pounds per head less than last year. Veal production was 3.6 million pounds live weight, down 11 percent from last year. Calf slaughter of 8,500 head was down 1,000 head from last year. Average live weight decreased 2 pounds per head to 426 pounds.

Pork production was 52.2 million pounds live weight, down 4 percent from last year. Total head slaughtered was 206,300, down 9,000 head from July 2010. Average live weight decreased 1 pound per head from last year to 253 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production during July 2011 was 306,000 pounds live weight, up 6 percent. The number slaughtered was 3,100, up 100 head from last year. Average live weight decreased 1 pound per head from last year to 97 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in July 2011 totaled 3.79 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the 3.96 billion pounds produced in July 2010. Compared with a year earlier, beef production, dressed weight basis, at 2.14 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Veal production totaled 10.1 million pounds, 8 percent below July a year ago.

Pork production totaled 1.64 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the previous year. Lamb and mutton production, at 10.9 million pounds, was down 15 percent from July 2010.

January-July 2011 commercial red meat production was 28.0 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2010. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 9 percent.

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